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SC Court of Appeals

November 14, 2024

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Notice of Appeal - R. Michael Ardis v. Sykes Enterprises Inc., et al.
Lower Court Case No. 2022-CP-43-1781
Court of Appeals Case No. 2024-001196

Dear Honorable Clerk of Court:

Please find enclosed a Notice of Appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court regarding the above-referenced matter. This appeal stems from the Order of Dismissal issued by the South Carolina Court of Appeals on October 23, 2024.

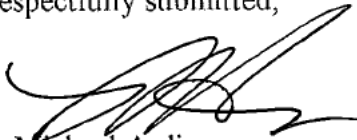
I respectfully request that the Supreme Court grant a *dé novo* review of this case due to the following circumstances:

1. As a pro se litigant without access to electronic notifications, I did not receive actual notice of the Court of Appeals' dismissal until November 2, 2024, when I checked my PO Box.
2. I have diligently complied with all requirements set forth by the Court of Appeals, as evidenced by the records within that court. While the Court of Appeals states that I have not complied, respectfully, that Court is in error and the record contained in that Court will demonstrate this.
3. I believe that the dismissal of my appeal without full consideration of my submissions does not align with principles of due process and equal access to justice for pro se litigants, or any litigant for that matter.

I respectfully submit that the interests of justice would be best served by allowing this appeal to proceed on its merits. The underlying issues in this case are of significant importance, and I have made good faith efforts to comply with all court requirements throughout this process.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to present my case before the Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,



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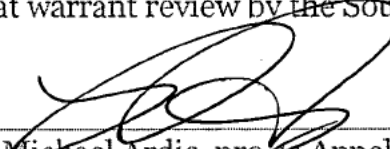
Enclosures:

1. Notice of Appeal
2. Recent order of South Carolina Court of Appeals

cc: Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals
Clerk of the Sumter County Court of Common Pleas
Jeffrey A. Lehrer, Attorney for Respondents

Statement of Good Faith

I, R. Michael Ardis, hereby certify that this Notice of Appeal is being filed in good faith, is not frivolous, and raises important constitutional and jurisdictional issues that warrant review by the South Carolina Supreme Court.



R. Michael Ardis, pro se Appellant

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Case No. 2022-CP-43-1781

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Sykes Enterprises Inc., a Business Process
Outsourcing Company; Vanessa Cox; Fausto
Salas; Johnny Villalobos; Latoya Walker-Cole;
Jane Does 1-5; and John Does 1-5,

Respondents,

v.

R. Michael Ardis,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

R. Michael Ardis, the Appellant, hereby gives notice of appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court from the Order of Dismissal issued by the South Carolina Court of Appeals, dated October 23, 2024, in Appellate Case No. 2024-001196.

Grounds for Appeal:

1. The Appellant respectfully requests a de novo review of this matter, as the circumstances warrant a fresh examination of the facts and procedural history.
2. While the Order of Dismissal is dated October 23, 2024, the Appellant, a pro se litigant without electronic notification capabilities, did not receive actual notice until November 2, 2024, upon checking his PO Box, which he accesses three to four times monthly.
3. The Appellant asserts full compliance with all requirements set forth by the South Carolina Court of Appeals, including those specified in the letters dated August 21, 2024, and July 24, 2024. The Appellant submits that the records within the South

Carolina Court of Appeals will demonstrate his complete adherence to all requested requirements.

4. The Appellant contends that the Court of Appeals has not afforded him due process of law. Despite diligent efforts to comply with court requirements, the appeal was dismissed without proper consideration of submitted documents and compliance efforts.

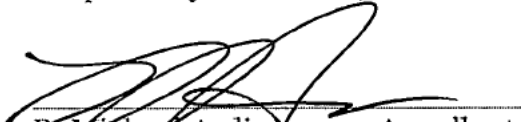
5. The Appellant respectfully submits that the Court of Appeals has not fulfilled its sworn duty to provide equal access to justice for all litigants, including pro se appellants. The dismissal without full consideration of the Appellant's submissions and circumstances does not align with principles of justice and fairness.

6. The Appellant maintains that the interests of justice would be best served by a de novo review and allowing this appeal to proceed on its merits, given the Appellant's good faith efforts to comply with all court requirements and the importance of the issues presented in the underlying case.

The Appellant respectfully requests that the South Carolina Supreme Court conduct a de novo review of this matter, consider the circumstances surrounding the notification and compliance issues, and grant the opportunity for the appeal to be heard on its merits.

Dated: November 14, 2024

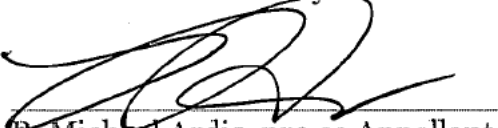
Respectfully submitted,



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R. Michael Ardis, pro se Appellant

cc: Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals
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The South Carolina Court of Appeals

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October 23, 2024

The Honorable James C. Campbell
Sumter County Judicial Center
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REMITTITUR

Re: Michael Ardis v. Sykes Enterprises Inc.
Lower Court Case No. 2022CP4301781
Appellate Case No. 2024-001196

Dear Clerk of Court:

The above referenced matter is hereby remitted to the lower court or tribunal. A copy of the judgment of this Court is enclosed.

Very truly yours,


CLERK

Enclosure

cc: R. Michael Ardis
Matthew J. Gilley, Esquire
Jeffrey Andrew Lehrer, Esquire

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Michael Ardis, Appellant,

v.

Sykes Enterprises Inc., Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2024-001196

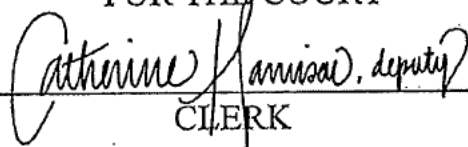
The Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr.
Sumter County
Trial Court Case No. 2022CP4301781

ORDER

Appellant has failed to provide a corrected proof of service for the notice of appeal, notice of appeal filing fee, proof of filing a copy of the notice of appeal with the clerk of the lower court, and a corrected notice of appeal, as required by Rule 203 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules and this Court's letters dated August 21, 2024 and July 24, 2024. Accordingly, this appeal is dismissed. The remittitur will be sent as provided by Rule 221(b), SCACR.

FOR THE COURT

BY


CLERK

Columbia, South Carolina

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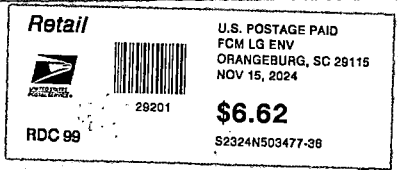
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